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Date: August 29, 2017

Dear Interested Public,

Lutsen Mountains (Lutsen) has expressed interest in expanding their ski resort on 550 acres of adjacent National Forest System lands administered by Superior National Forest (Forest). Lutsen has documented their long-term vision for the expansion of their ski resort operations in a Master Development Plan (MDP) posted on <u>Lutsen's website</u>. It is anticipated that Lusten will soon submit a formal proposal outlining the potential expansion for the Forest to review.

The Forest is conducting pre-proposal scoping to inform interested and affected parties prior to Lutsen's submission of a formal proposal and to solicit comments that will be used to inform the Forest's review process and determination of how to proceed. In particular, I am looking for any interests, concerns or other information you may wish to share about the MDP and the resources and values on the national forest lands where the expansion is envisioned. If the Forest accepts Lutsen's formal proposal, an environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act will be initiated, and further public involvement and review will be sought.

Comments are most useful if submitted by September 29, 2017. Comments can mailed to Superior National Forest, ATTN: Lutsen Mountains Ski Expansion, 8901 Grand Ave. Place, Duluth, MN 55808; e-mailed to comments-eastern-superior@fs.fed.us, or faxed to 218-626-4398. For more information, please contact project manager, Pooja Kanwar, at 218-626-4354.

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments. I appreciate your participation in national forest management.

Sincerely,

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